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Classroom Activities

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American president decides on Afghanistan (Page 1)

Instructions: Read the article 'American president decides on Afghanistan'.
Answer questions 1-16.

1. Where did President Obama make his speech?

2. What did he announce?

3. What is the capital city of Afghanistan?

4. Explain why the USA led an invasion of Afghanistan in 2001.

5. What is the Taliban?

6. Who is the leader of the American and NATO forces in Afghanistan?

7. What does NATO stand for?

8. Who is the prime minister of the UK and what has he announced?

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9. What is al-Qaeda?

10. What will be the role of the Afghan army and police force?

11. Who is the president of Afghanistan?

12. President Obama mentioned a withdrawal date. Why do some people think he did this?

13. Who is the head of NATO and what is his title?

14. What is meant by 'escalating the war'?

15. Explain why some people were disappointed by President Obama's decision.

16. Why are some people calling it 'Obama's war'?

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Election in Honduras (Page 6)**Instructions:** Read the article 'Election in Honduras'.

Tick either true or false for the following statements.

	TRUE	FALSE
1. Tegucigalpa is the capital of Honduras.		
2. In Honduras presidents serve six-year terms.		
3. Porfirio Lobo will become president of Honduras at the beginning of next year.		
4. Manual Zelaya is living in the embassy of Argentina in Honduras.		
5. Roberto Micheletti was appointed as a temporary president.		
6. Manual Zelaya was deposed in a coup.		
7. The USA stopped aid payments to Honduras.		
8. Brazil has agreed to recognise the results of the recent presidential election.		
9. Costa Rica helped Mr Zelaya and Mr Micheletti reach an agreement.		
10. Porfirio Lobo was runner-up in the presidential election in 2004.		

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Amazon meeting (Page 8)**Instructions:** Read the article 'Amazon meeting'.

Draw a line to connect the correct links. The first is done for you.

Summit	Brazil
City in Brazil	Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva
President of France	Meeting
Fossil fuel	Norway
Defence against global warming	Denmark
President of Brazil	Coal
Most of the Amazon rainforest	Nicolas Sarkozy
Contributes to rainforest fund	Manaus
Climate change meeting	Rainforest

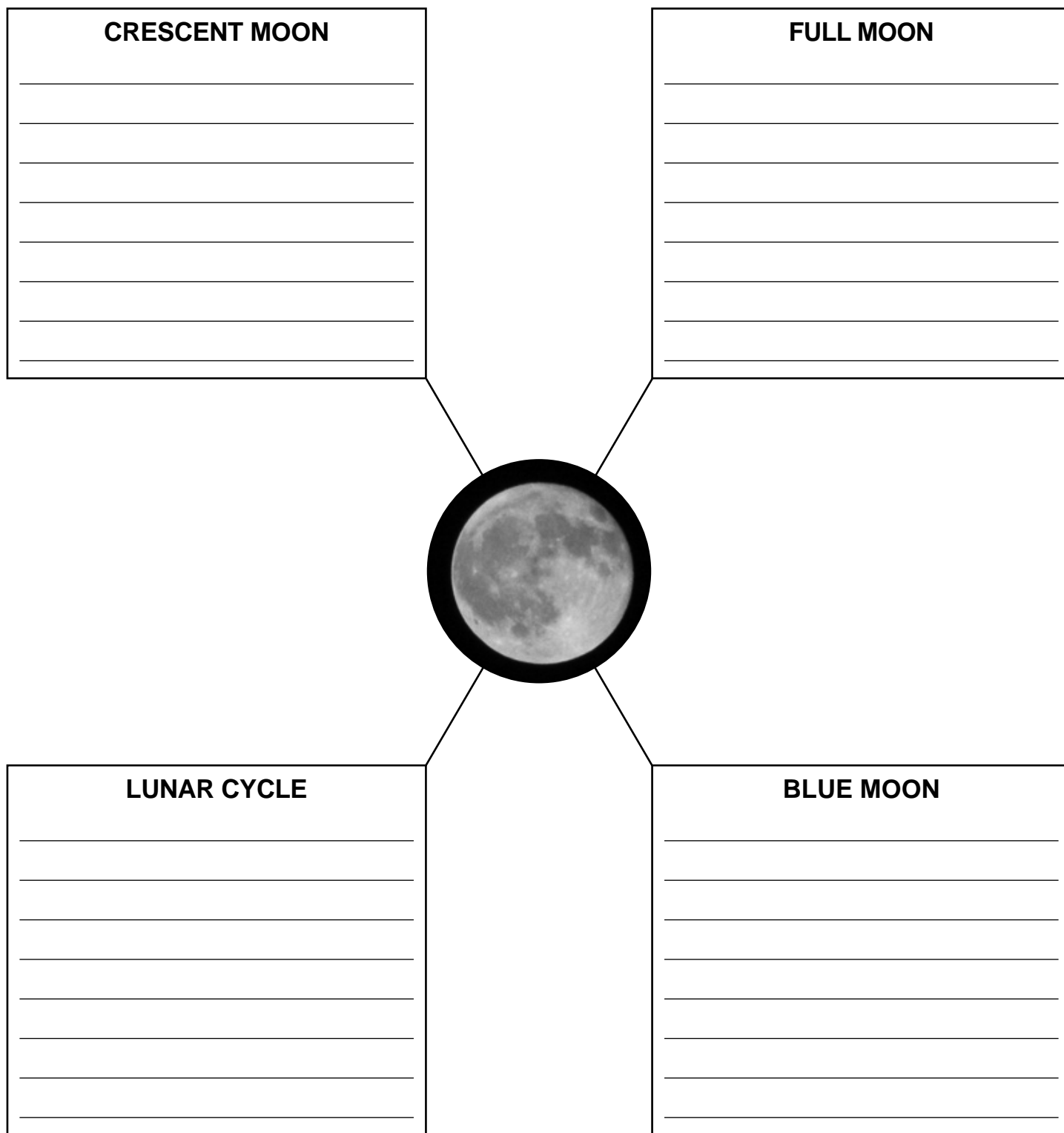
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Blue moon (Page 15)

Instructions: Read the article 'Blue moon' and fill in the spider diagram below with the details.



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New EU President and High Representative (Page 3)

Instructions: Read the article 'New EU President and High Representative'.
The answers to the questions are given for 1-10. Write the questions.

1. **Q.** _____
A. Foreign minister.
2. **Q.** _____
A. Two and a half years.
3. **Q.** _____
A. Lisbon Treaty.
4. **Q.** _____
A. High representative.
5. **Q.** _____
A. The European Commission.
6. **Q.** _____
A. Herman Van Rompuy.
7. **Q.** _____
A. Climate action.
8. **Q.** _____
A. Rotating presidency.
9. **Q.** _____
A. President of the European Commission.
10. **Q.** _____
A. Brussels.

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Commonwealth 'Heads' meet (Page 10)**Instructions:** Read the article 'Commonwealth 'Heads' meet'.

Answer questions 1-5.

1. Who is Patrick Manning and what was his role at the meeting?

2. What does CHOGM stand for? How frequently does it meet?

3. For what percentage of the world economy is the Commonwealth responsible?
What is the importance of India?

4. Why are Mozambique and Rwanda different from other Commonwealth countries?

5. What must a country have and believe in to remain a member of the
Commonwealth?

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World Map (Page 11)

Instructions: Solve these anagrams. Each answer is a country that appears on the World Map. Each anagram has one extra letter. Together the extra letters form another anagram. The answer is a mystery country. One is already done for you.

1. USA **B** RIS

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2. WORN YAB

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3. ARIZBAL

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4. RBEWLAI

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5. GOPUTERLA

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6. MLEUMBIG

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7. ILZMSAOA

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8. UIODAHNSR

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Issue 107 Elimination

Instructions: Read issue 107. Now eliminate from the list 13 pairs of words or phrases that go together. You will have one word or phrase left over. That is the answer. One pair is already done for you.

Somalia

European Union

~~Manaus~~

Copenhagen

Tegucigalpa

WHO

~~Amazon~~

Siam

Climate change meeting

Rwanda

West Point

Lisbon Treaty

Scrabble

Thailand

Mozambique

Thanksgiving

Membrane

Gadhimai

Honduras

Census of Marine Life

Turkey

Bingo

Power

Osmosis

Military academy

Yellow fever vaccination

Pirates

Odd one out = _____

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Issue 107 multiple choice quiz**Instructions:** Read issue 107 and circle the correct answers for questions 1-10.

1. **Who is the president of Brazil?**
 - a. Rafael Correa
 - b. Tabaré Ramón
 - c. Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva
 - d. Fernando Lugo
 - e. Ronald Venetiaan
2. **Nakheel is a property company in the Middle East. Where is it based?**
 - a. Tehran
 - b. Amman
 - c. Dubai
 - d. Riyadh
 - e. Baghdad
3. **Approximately how often does a 'blue moon' occur?**
 - a. Annually
 - b. Every three years
 - c. Every 11 years
 - d. Every 54 years
 - e. Every 360 years
4. **A Norwegian company has just opened a non-polluting energy prototype. What creates the electricity?**
 - a. Thermal heat
 - b. Osmosis
 - c. Tides
 - d. Wind
 - e. The Sun
5. **Who is the head of the Commonwealth?**
 - a. Nicolas Sarkozy
 - b. Gordon Brown
 - c. Angela Merkel
 - d. Barack Obama
 - e. Queen Elizabeth the Second
6. **Of which Central America country has Porfirio Lobo been elected president?**
 - a. Costa Rica
 - b. Honduras
 - c. Nicaragua
 - d. El Salvador
 - e. Panama
7. **Between which two cities does the Nevsky Express travel?**
 - a. Stockholm and Helsinki
 - b. Sofia and Budapest
 - c. Warsaw and Berlin
 - d. Paris and Frankfurt
 - e. Moscow and St Petersburg
8. **One of the following countries does not contain any parts of the Amazon rain forest. Which is it?**
 - a. Argentina
 - b. Peru
 - c. Ecuador
 - d. Colombia
 - e. Venezuela
9. **Which European country has just held a referendum on minarets?**
 - a. France
 - b. The Netherlands
 - c. Germany
 - d. Switzerland
 - e. Italy
10. **In which country has the World Scrabble Championship just been held?**
 - a. Indonesia
 - b. Malaysia
 - c. Russia
 - d. The UK
 - e. The USA